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CLASSIFIED BY: Chris Stevens, CDA, AmEmbassy Tripoli, State. REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

- [1](#). (S) Summary. Authority at Tripoli International Airport is clearly divided between security services and civilian authorities, General Yousef al-Jeribi.
- [2](#). (S) On March 3, Tripoli airport director General Yousef al-Jeribi briefed a visiting ATA assessment team and Emboffs on current security procedures and responsibilities.
- [3](#). (S) According to al-Jeribi, authority at Tripoli International Airport (TIP) is clearly divided between civilian authorities and security services.
- [4](#). (S) The Internal Security Organization (ISO) maintains the largest presence at the airport and is responsible for all physical and technical security.
- [5](#). (S) In addition, ISO also oversees a 70-member anti-terrorist "rapid response" team based in Tripoli (not/not at the airport) that TIP's ISO oversees.
- [6](#). (S) The External Security Organization (ESO) is responsible for tracking all non-Libyans traveling through TIP airport. ESO maintains a watch list.
- [7](#). (C) The uniformed police are responsible for providing overt security to the airport facility and surrounding areas. By contrast with ISO's covert security, the police are armed and visible.
- [8](#). (S) Assistant Director of the TIP airport Ezzeddin told Poloff that an armed, Libyan air marshal travels on all international and domestic flights.
- [9](#). (C) Three authorities are charged with planning the TIP airport's response to a crisis: the National Committee for Aviation Security (NCAS), the Ministry of Defense, and the Ministry of Interior.
- [10](#). (C) In the event of an emergency (such as a hijacking), TIP airport maintains an ICAO-approved emergency plan that calls for all security personnel to be alerted.
- [11](#). (C) According to al-Jeribi, Libya has already partnered with Italy, France, Jordan, and Egypt to provide security training to Libyan personnel.
- [12](#). (SBU) Al-Jeribi also briefed the U.S. delegation on plans to open a new passenger terminal capable of carrying up to 20 million passengers annually.
- [13](#). (C) Comment: Airport officials were forthcoming in their description of internal operations and protocols, and expressed strong interest in U.S. assistance.